



THERAPEUTIC RECREATION SERVICES UNIT



Cobb County...Expect the Best!

FALL QUARTER 2006



Registration Will Be Held
August 16th, 2006

We are phasing out our TRS brochures and will be registering solely from the County's 'Front Row' brochure soon. If you currently do not receive the Front Row in the mail, please call us or the main Parks Department office to be placed on the mailing list.

Serving Special People With Special Needs

**Cobb County Parks, Recreation
& Cultural Affairs Department
Therapeutic Recreation Services Unit**

555 Nickajack Road, Mableton, GA 30126
Office Hours: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday
Phone Number: (770) 819-3215, Fax Number: (770) 819-3218

Mission Statement

The Cobb Therapeutic Recreation Services program strives for each participant to function at his/her highest level of ability in the least restrictive environment. The program goals are to increase socialization skills, community awareness, emotional and physical well being, and to learn new leisure skills through participation in structured recreation activities that are safe and fun.

Purpose

To provide recreational & leisure educational opportunities for all special populations including, but not limited to individuals with:

Developmental Disabilities	Learning Disabilities
Physical Disabilities	Hearing Impairments
Attention Deficit Disorder	Autism

**SOCIAL CLUBS & SPECIAL EVENTS
16 years of age and up**

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ADA Compliance

The Cobb County Board of Commissioners complies with the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 Public Law 101-336 (ADA), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability--requiring that no qualified individual with a disability shall on the basis of a disability, be denied the benefits of Cobb County Services, programs, activities, or employment with Cobb County.

If you have a specific physical or service accessibility need, please make the staff that work with the program / facility which you plan to use, aware of what you need so that we can reasonably accommodate you. Further information can be obtained from the Cobb County Government ADA Coordinator at 770-528-2655 (Voice) or 770-528-1103 (TDD). This notice is available in alternate format - audiotape, computer disk, large print, or Braille. To obtain the alternate format please call (770) 528-2655.

Important Information

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

1. When arriving at or departing from a program, **please CHECK-IN with the TRS staff before you leave or take your participant.**
2. Please contact the TRS office at 770-819-3215, if your participant will be absent from a program.
3. **Parents/Guardians should be prompt in picking up their participant** at the end of the program. Both staff and volunteers would greatly appreciate your cooperation in this matter, as they often have additional work responsibilities following a program.

IF YOU ARE LATE arriving at Roswell St. Baptist Church (RSBC) to pick up your participant, you must pick them up at the main Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs office (CSP), 1792 County Services Parkway, Marietta GA 30008.

Behavior Code of Conduct

TRS participants are expected to exhibit appropriate behavior at all times. The following guidelines have been developed to help make TRS programs safe and enjoyable for all participants. Additional rules may be developed for the particular programs and athletic leagues as deemed necessary by staff.

Participants will:

1. Show respect to all participants and staff and follow all directions given by staff.
2. Abusive or foul language will not be tolerated.
3. Refrain from causing bodily harm to self, other participants, or staff.
4. Show respect for equipment, supplies, and facilities.
5. Refrain from smoking or consuming alcoholic beverages during Cobb County events and outings.

Discipline: A positive approach will be used regarding discipline. Staff will periodically review rules with participants during the program session. If inappropriate behavior occurs, prompt resolution will be sought specific to each individual situation. TRS reserves the right to dismiss from the program a participant whose behavior endangers the safety of themselves or others.

The Buddy System: If staff consistently observes disruptive behavior, according to the Code of Conduct, it will be brought to the attention of the parent/guardian. TRS staff will determine if the participant will require a "buddy" to attend future programs. TRS staff will try to assist the parent/guardian in finding a "buddy", however, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to find a partner for the participant in order to continue to attend future programs. When the participant's behavior improves, the TRS staff will assess the progress of the participant to determine if the "buddy" is still needed. If disruptive behavior continues, the participant will be excused from the program. If a "buddy" is needed for a participant, there may be additional costs for them to attend any event(s) - this is the responsibility of the parent or guardian.

Lost and Found: TRS staff is not responsible for personal items that are left at a program. Please help us keep track of your participant's belongings by labeling all items (including clothing) they bring to programs. Contact TRS to inquire about lost and found items.

Participant Medical Information (PMI): Returning Participants are required to submit a PMI form every year during the spring registration. If at any time information changes, please call TRS or mail an updated form. Forms may be obtained from the TRS office. Any new participant must complete a PMI form before beginning any activities with the TRS Unit.

Dispensing of Medication: If a participant is in need of assistance (other than a reminder) to take prescription medication, a permission form allowing TRS Staff to administer the medication must be completed by the parent or guardian before attending any program.

Atlanto-axial Dislocation Condition: Individuals with Down's Syndrome are at risk of having ADC which allows increased mobility of the first and second neck bones. For the safety of TRS participants, individuals with Down's Syndrome will not be allowed to participate in activities such as swimming, gymnastics, aerobics, which could injure the neck area, unless they have a doctor's excuse stating they are free of ADC. An x-ray by a doctor is necessary to detect if the condition is present.

REGISTRATION POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Mail In Registration:

Registration is August 16, 2006. Mail registration form and payment to:

***Therapeutic Recreation Services
555 Nickajack Road
Mableton, GA 30126***

(Make checks or money orders payable to: CCPRCAD)

Walk In Registration

Wednesday, August 16th ONLY - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Payment Policy

Full payment of program fees must be included with the registration form. No partial payments will be accepted. **We now accept MasterCard & Visa.** You may call in your registration and give your credit card number over the phone or walk-in with your credit card. Please **do not** write your credit card number on the registration form and mail in. *Make checks payable to CCPRCAD* and put driver's license number on your check. **THERE WILL BE A \$25 FEE ON ANY CHECKS RETURNED UNPAID BY YOUR BANK.**

Non-Resident Policy

A mandatory fee will be charged to all out-of-county residents participating in a Cobb County program. The out-of-county fee is twice the fee per person, per program, not to exceed \$25.00.

Refund Policy

1. A \$5.00 administration fee will be charged for all refunds.
2. Refunds (- \$5.00) will be issued only if TRS has not incurred costs due to purchase of tickets, rentals, supplies, refreshments, deposits, etc. Requests for a refund must be made a minimum of 48 hours before the program.
3. Participants will not receive a refund or credit for any missed special events, social club events or other programs.
4. Social Clubs must be PAID IN FULL. No Exceptions.
5. Refunds will be processed at the end of the quarter.

Inclement Weather

If a program is canceled due to weather, the program will be made up at a later date or refunds issued.

Check out the TRS & SOGA-Cobb calendar of events on the main Cobb County website at:
www.cobbcounty.org

Click on 'Event Calendar' near the top left of the webpage to see ALL County events

HOW TO CONTACT TRS STAFF MEMBERS

Clintina Mitchell.....Recreation Coordinator
Unit Manager
770-819-3223 or Clintina.Mitchell@cobbcounty.org

Tiffani Ephrom.....Recreation Programmer
Special Events and Classes
770-819-3257 or Tiffani.Ephrom@cobbcounty.org

Kevin Hill.....Recreation Specialist
Social Clubs and Volunteers
770-819-3256 or Kevin.Hill@cobbcounty.org
Demond Nash.....Recreation Leader
Arthur Henderson.....Recreation Leader

Cara Lynn.....Recreation Specialist
Thompson Community Center Manager
770-819-3215 or Cara.Lynn@cobbcounty.org

Ann Bonds.....Special Olympics Georgia-Cobb
770-819-3262 or Ann.Bonds@cobbcounty.org

Kim Battiste.....Special Olympics Georgia-Cobb
770-819-3261 or Kimberly.Battiste@cobbcounty.org

Yes, we have e-mail now! If you e-mail us, please allow us time to reply. Staff may be out of the office frequently for programs. If you need immediate attention, you can cross-copy Cara and she will be sure to get the message to them as soon as possible.

Other Resources.....

Cobb Association for Retarded Citizens (Cobb ARC) 770-427-8401

CLASSES & SPECIAL EVENTS

Course # 4283 AFTERNOON BOWLING

Come join our most successful program! Enhance your skills while enjoying an afternoon filled with the excitement of bowling and competing against your friends just for fun and socialization.

LOCATION: Brunswick Zone Bowling Alley
2750 Austell Rd., Austell

DATE: Thursday's: Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct. 5 & 12

TIME: 2pm-4pm

FEE: \$30

NO TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED

MAXIMUM: 30



Course # 4284 TENNIS CLASS

Get your tennis shoes and racquets. It's time to learn to play tennis! Come join the fun as we learn more about this fun sport. Bring your water bottle, tennis racquet and a towel to class. Please wear proper attire, including tennis shoes. Please eat dinner before you come.

LOCATION: Lost Mountain Park Tennis Center

4845 Dallas Highway, Powder Springs

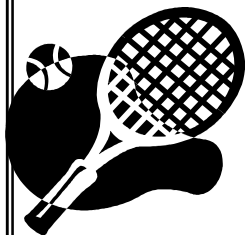
DATES: Wed.'s: Oct 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov 1, 8 & 15

TIME: 7pm-8pm

FEE: \$20 per person

NO TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED

MAXIMUM: 8



ATTENTION!!!

Cell phones are allowed on the trips, however, we ask that you keep your cell phone usage down to a minimum. If your cell phone call disrupts a program you may asked by staff to turn it off until the end of the program. We do not want to disturb others. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Course # 4286 JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR



Would you like to be a part of a group that can go around and spread some joy to others? We will have a professional pianist/musical director come in and teach us how to reach our fullest performing potential. We will start rehearsing to prepare for the upcoming holiday season. We would like to go around in the community and do some old-fashioned caroling in December. Choir members

that also register for the Thanksgiving Dinner at the Hilton Garden Inn on Nov. 9th will be doing a short performance as the entertainment at the dinner. There will be another performance for family and friends on Dec. 9th at the Thompson Park Community Center from 2:00pm-3:30pm.

LOCATION: Thompson Park Community Center,
555 Nickajack Rd., Mableton

DATES & TIMES: Practices are Saturday's Sept 16, 30, Oct 14, 28, Nov 11, 18, & Dec 2 from 11am-1pm

Performance on Thursday, Nov 9th at the Hilton Garden Inn for our Thanksgiving Dinner entertainment if you have registered for the dinner.

Performance at the Thompson CC on Dec 9th from 2pm-3:30pm open to all

FEE: \$20

MAXIMUM: 30

*No transportation provided except for performances in the community as the opportunities arise. *

Course # 4287 TASTE OF SMYRNA/SPICE OF LIFE - A FOOD & CULTURAL CELEBRATION

Come enjoy this fantastic annual event, which offers an increasing array of the culture and taste of Smyrna; featuring area restaurants, loads of musical talent and much more. We will provide at least one sample dish per participant from any restaurant participating in the Taste of Smyrna celebration. Please bring extra money for additional tasting.

LOCATION: 200 Village Green, Smyrna (Smyrna Community Center)

DATE: Saturday, Sept 16, 2006

TIME: 4pm-6:30pm

FEE: \$ 8

TRANSPORTATION: Leave CSP 3:30pm / Return CSP 7pm

MAXIMUM: Unlimited



SPECIAL EVENTS

SPECIAL POPULATIONS NIGHT AT THE NORTH GEORGIA STATE FAIR

Jim Miller Park, Callaway Rd., Marietta on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2006

GATE HOURS 4-7PM ONLY...After 7pm you WILL NOT get in free!

* Free admission to the Fair

*Free ride passes to the first 1500 special populations participants and **one** adult guest or chaperone free per group

*Rides are from 4pm - 9pm ONLY

*Free meal tickets to the first 700 and **one** adult guest / chaperone

Lost meal tickets will not be replaced

Dinner served from 5:30 - 7:30pm



MUST REGISTER AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE GATE ON CALLAWAY RD TO
RECEIVE YOUR HAND STAMPS AND MEAL TICKETS.

Please enter park from Al Bishop Drive and walk along the fence to the
main entrance. The line will form down the fence line next to the tent at
the main entrance on Callaway Rd.

Course # 4289

SMYRNA OUTDOOR MOVIE SERIES

Join us to end your summer of fun with the last movie of the outdoor movie series at Chuck Camp Park in Smyrna. Bring your blanket or lawn chair and head out to the giant movie screen with friends and family for a movie suitable for kids and adults of all ages. You may bring additional money for snacks. Please eat dinner before you come, and we will see you at the movies!

LOCATION: Chuck Camp Park, 2270 Benson Poole Rd.,
Smyrna (Behind Publix on S Cobb Dr.)

DATE: Saturday, Oct 7, 2006

TIMES: 6pm-9pm

FEE: \$2 per person

TRANSPORTATION: Leave CSP 5:30pm / Return CSP 10pm

One location only

MAXIMUM: Unlimited



Transportation Locations: 'CSP' is 1792 County Services Pkwy in Marietta, our main Parks & Recreation office parking lot. 'RSBC' is Roswell Street Baptist Church parking lot.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Course # 4290

FRIGHT NIGHT AT SIX FLAGS

Course # 4291

FRIGHT NIGHT W/ SEASON PASS



Come take part in the exciting Fright Night activities at Six Flags with plenty of spooooky shows, haunted houses and scary rides. Dinner will be provided. Bring extra money for snacks and souvenirs. Please eat lunch before you come.

LOCATION: Six Flags Over Georgia

DATE: Saturday, Oct 14, 2006

TIME: 2pm-10pm

FEE: \$48 per person for ticket, transportation & meal

\$15 for transportation & meal if you have a valid season pass

TRANSPORTATION: Leave CSP 1pm / Return CSP 11pm

One location only

MAXIMUM: Unlimited

Course # 4292

Halloween Costume Dance

Enjoy a night full of ghosts and goblins dancing the night away. Dress up in your favorite costume and dance to the sounds of DJ DuWayne. Also, remember that prizes will be awarded for Best Female Costume & Best Male Costume. Please eat dinner before you come. Finger foods will be served.

LOCATION: Thompson Community Center

DATE: Friday, Oct 27, 2006

TIMES: 7pm-9pm

FEE: \$10 per person

TRANSPORTATION: Leave CSP 5:30pm / RSBC 6pm
Return RSBC 9:45pm / CSP 10pm

*Provided to the first 100 registered, including two wheelchairs

MAXIMUM: Unlimited



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SPECIAL EVENTS

Course # 4840

THANKSGIVING DINNER



Enjoy the company of your friends while you share your blessings and what you are most thankful for over a delicious meal. Also enjoy the beautiful sounds of the 'Joyful Noise' Chorus.

LOCATION: Hilton Garden Inn,
3045 Windy Hill Rd, Atlanta GA 30339
DATE: Thursday, November 9th, 2006
TIME: 6pm-8pm
FEE: \$25 per person
NO TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED
MAXIMUM: Unlimited

Course # 4850

ATLANTA FALCONS vs. THE
CLEVELAND BROWNS

Come and tailgate with the Falcons as they pass the magic and destroy the Cleveland Browns. Bring extra money for snacks and souvenirs. Lunch will be provided. Please remember, we will stay until the game is over.

LOCATION: The Georgia Dome, Atlanta
DATE: Sunday, November 12, 2006
TIME: 9am-6pm
FEE: \$125 per person
TRANSPORTATION: Leave CSP 9am / Return CSP around 6pm
(As soon as game is over) *One location only*
MAXIMUM: 25 participants



Transportation locations when provided :

'CSP' is 1792 County Services Pkwy in Marietta, our main Parks & Recreation office parking lot.

'RSBC' is Roswell Street Baptist Church parking lot.



NEW BROCHURE NOTICE

Participants should begin
looking for our new
department-wide quarterly
brochure called

THE FRONT ROW

which will be mailed to your
home. Hopefully you are
already receiving the Front
Row. If not, please call the
office at 770-819-3215.

FALL QUARTER SOCIAL CLUB EVENTS

The goal of the social clubs is to promote independence by providing leisure opportunities that increase social interaction skills, leisure awareness, leisure activity skills and community awareness. The clubs are designed according to age as well as functioning levels. Each participant is assessed to determine the most appropriate club placement. TRS staff performs the assessments with input from the parent/guardian. The TRS staff makes the final placement and observes the participant for a period of time to make sure the placement is appropriate. The TRS staff may make changes when needed. Fees are charged for the clubs on a quarterly basis. Three to five activities are planned per quarter. Input of activity ideas from the club members is encouraged. Social Clubs, as well as all Special Events are for ages 16 and older.

4585 - Explorers 21

Cooking 101 (9/12)
Highlander (10/21)
Arts & Crafts (11/6)
Shopping (11/27)

4586 - Explorers 31

Cooking 101 (9/28)
Highlander (10/21)
Arts & Crafts (10/24)
Shopping (11/14)

4588 - Explorers 41

Cooking 101 (9/12)
Highlander (10/21)
Arts & Crafts (11/6)
Shopping (11/27)

4589 - Voyagers

Cooking 101 (9/14)
Aviation Museum (9/23)
Arts & Crafts (10/2)
Shopping (11/30)

4590 - Red Dreamers

Cooking 101 (9/25)
Cowboy Fest. (10/28)
Arts & Crafts (11/2)
Shopping (11/13)

4591 - Yellow Dreamers

Cooking 101 (10/5)
Arts & Crafts (10/19)
Cowboy Fest. (10/28)
Shopping (11/28)

4592 - Blue Dreamers

Aviation Museum (9/23)
Cooking 101 (10/12)
Arts & Crafts (10/23)
Shopping (11/20)

4593 - Green Dreamers

Aviation Museum (9/23)
Cooking 101 (10/12)
Arts & Crafts (10/23)
Shopping (11/20)

4594 - Drifters

Cooking 101 (9/19)
Arts & Crafts (10/10)
Stone Mt Christmas (11/18)
Shopping (11/30)

4595 - Travelers

Cooking 101 (9/21)
Arts & Crafts (10/17)
Stone Mt Christmas (11/18)
Shopping (11/21)

Cooking 101: Participants will learn basic cooking skills and safety in the kitchen. Table setting and manners will also be covered. They will then help to prepare and cook a simple meal.

Leave CSP 6pm / RSBC 6:30pm, Return RSBC 9pm / CSP 9:30pm

Highlander Days: We're off to Stone Mountain for the annual Highlander Days festival. Watch as athletes compete in traditional Scottish games, enjoy traditional Celtic music and browse the many souvenir shops for that special gift. Lunch provided. Please eat breakfast before you come.

Leave CSP 10am / RSBC 10:30am, Return RSBC 3:30pm / CSP 4pm

Arts & Crafts: Let loose your creative side! A variety of arts & crafts projects will be available. Participants may even help to create decorations for one of our dances. Please eat dinner before you come.

Leave CSP 6pm / RSBC 6:30pm, Return RSBC 9:00pm / CSP 9:30pm

Holiday Shopping: Bring your spending money and get ready to shop! You can buy gifts for others or just shop for yourself. Please eat dinner before you come.

Leave CSP 6pm / RSBC 6:30pm, Return RSBC 9:00pm / CSP 9:30pm

Aviation Museum: Travel with us to Warner Robins to visit one of the largest aviation museums in the country. See many fighter jets and other aircraft up close and learn about the history of aviation. Lunch provided. Please eat breakfast before you come.

Leave CSP 8am / RSBC 8:30am, Return RSBC 3:30pm / CSP 4pm

Cowboy Festival: Welcome to the Wild West! See how cowboys lived in the past, witness a reenactment of a western gunfight, and sample good old-fashioned camp cooking. Lunch provided. Please eat breakfast before you come.

Leave CSP 10am / RSBC 10:30am, Return RSBC 3:30pm / CSP 4pm

Stone Mountain Christmas: Come enjoy the magic of the holiday season as Stone Mountain is transformed into a wonderland of lights. There may even be a visit from Santa! Bring money for snacks or souvenirs. Please eat dinner before you come.

Leave CSP 5:30pm / RSBC 6pm, Return RSBC 10pm / CSP 10:30pm



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!

A heart felt 'Happy Birthday' to all of our participants who have birthday's coming up this quarter. We wish you the best one ever and may you have many, many more to come!

Congratulations to all of our **Summer and National Games athletes and Masters Bowlers!** We're so proud of all of you. Way to go! You guys and gals did an awesome job and proved once again that Special Olympics GA-Cobb is **#1 !!!**

Thank you athletes and parents for your persistence in training hard to become the best!

Thank you coaches and volunteers for your dedication to SOGA-Cobb. We know that you sacrifice your time and talents to train our athletes. Without you, we would not be able to do what we do. You're appreciated much more than you know!

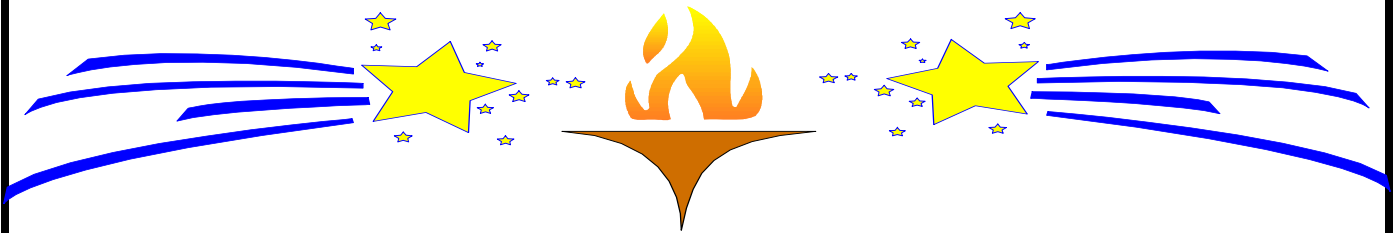
Have you thanked your coach today?

Transportation Locations: 'CSP' is 1792 County Services Parkway in Marietta, our main Parks & Recreation office parking lot. 'RSBC' is Roswell Street Baptist Church parking lot.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS GEORGIA - COBB

770-819-3262 or 3261 office / 770-819-3218 fax

Thank you for your interest in our program. Special Olympics is a year round program of training and competition for children (ages 8 & up) and adults with special needs. Participants receive opportunities to increase physical fitness, demonstrate courage, and develop friendships with other Special Olympics athletes and the community. Special Olympics offers a variety of athletic opportunities including bowling, gymnastics, ice skating, basketball, softball, and tennis to name a few. Athlete's practice/train for at least 8 weeks before state level competitions. **Please note the time of year during which your sport is held** and expect to be contacted by your coach. If you do not hear from your coach, please contact our office. Additionally, Cobb County is looking for athletes interested in Unified Sports. Unified Sports are programs that pair a special athlete with a corporate athlete or community athlete for training and competition.



Eligibility

In Special Olympics, you must be at least 8 years of age and be diagnosed by an agency or professional with one of the following conditions: mental retardation, cognitive delays as measured by formal assessment, or significant learning or vocation challenges due to cognitive delays that require or have required specially designed instructions.

How Do You Get To Participate?

Call Ann Bonds at (770) 819-3262 or Kim Battiste at (770) 819-3261 and request a registration packet. Each athlete must complete the following: a physical exam by a licensed examiner, a Special Olympics medical form, 'Application for Participation', and the Sports Selection/Yearly Registration form. When this packet is completed and returned to our office, you will receive a call from the coach of your selected sport. He/she will give you information regarding training, practice dates, and more. As a guide, please note on the registration form which time of year your selected sport is held.

Cobb County Training Programs

Cobb County offers a number of programs in which athletes receive coaching and training in certain sports specifically for competition in Special Olympic meets. Interested in coaching and/or serving on the Special Olympic Management Team? *We need your support!* Contact us at (770) 819-3261 or 3262, Thompson Community Center, 555 Nickajack Road, Mableton, GA 30126.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS GEORGIA-COBB

Special Populations Coca-Cola
Classic Softball Tournament

on September 9, 2006

Al Bishop Softball Complex
1082 Al Bishop Dr., Marietta

Spectators, please call our office for times

Call Tina if you are interested 770-819-3223



Masters Basketball Invitational
November 4, 2006

South Cobb Recreation Center
Six Flags Dr., Austell, GA

SOGA-COBB MANAGEMENT TEAM MEMBERS

Norma Jo Bales, Secretary Chair

Joe Bridgers, Volunteer Chair

Kittie Caston, Training Chair

Nancy Futral, Parent Chair

Victor Fair, Athlete Representative

D'Jon McNair, Chairperson

Megan McRoberts, Outreach Chair

Judi O'Connor, Treasurer

Kim Watson, Fundraising Chair

Local Management Team Meetings

3rd Tuesday of each month @ 7pm,

CCPRCAD Main Office

1792 County Services Pkwy., Marietta, GA 30008

S.O.GA FALL GAMES

Softball, Golf, Long Distance Walk/Run &
Bocce competitions will be in Albany, GA
on October 6 - 8, 2006

Equestrian competition will be held in
Perry, GA on November 10 -12, 2006

SOGA-Cobb Open House Registration

September 23, 2006 at the
Fair Oaks Recreation Center

10am - 1pm

Free medical exams



Fall Games Practices

Softball Teams Fair Oaks Park, 1460 W Booth Rd., Marietta Mon.'s & Wed.'s 6:30pm
Fair Oaks Park: 770-528-8483 Head Coach: Carol Griffith 770-421-9530

Softball Skills Fair Oaks Park, 1460 W Booth Rd., Marietta Wednesday's 6:00-7:00pm
Fair Oaks Park: 770-528-8483 Head Coach: Norma Jo Bales 770-410-1386

Bocce Hurt Rd Park, 990 Hurt Rd., Marietta Thursday's 6:00pm
District office **before 5pm** 770-528-8810 Head Coach: Janice Bates 770-422-2461

Golf Legacy Links, Windy Hill Rd, Smyrna Tuesday's 6:00pm
Legacy Links: 770-435-1000 Head Coaches: Bobby & Kathy Coleman 770-619-3163

Long Distance Running / Walking Saturday's 9:00am
E. Cobb YMCA, Piedmont Rd, Marietta Head Coach: Mike Oakes 678-560-8644

Equestrian Your coach will contact you about practice times and locations



Special Olympics
Georgia-Cobb

As always, we welcome new athletes, volunteers, coaches and partners. Please refer interested parties to our office for an application packet.

Don't forget to check out the Special Olympics Georgia website:

www.specialolympicsga.org

Get information on upcoming events, clinics and see pictures of athletes in action



We are searching for a name for our new
Special Olympics Georgia-Cobb Newsletter

SOGA-Cobb recently published our quarterly newsletter. This is a great way for us to get information about our program to athletes, coaches, families, volunteers and the community. We need a great name for our publication. If you have ideas for a name, please submit them to our office as soon as possible.

WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU!!



Please let us know if you have any suggestions for Social Club activities, special events or outings. You can call, email or include a sticky note with the quarterly registration. Just get your ideas to us.



Our TRS program is considered to be the best in the area and we'd like to keep it that way. We strive to offer the most fun and interesting activities possible. Please help us out by telling us what you'd like to see offered. We would like to hear from the parents and caregivers but especially from the participants themselves. We need to know what your interests are.



Whether it's classes or themes for dances or trips. Any suggestions would be helpful and very much appreciated.

Thank you for your time!

COBB COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION SERVICES**Participant Medical Information Form**

This form will expire in two years.

Date _____

It is imperative that you notify us of any changes in condition or medications during the year.If registering more than one participant, **please** complete an additional form.**This form must be completely filled out before we will register the participant.****Participant Information**

Participant's Name (Last) _____ (First) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____

Female ____ Male ____ Age ____ Birth date _____ School/Service Center _____

Teacher/Case Mgr _____ Phone: (____) _____ Pager: (____) _____

Circle All That Apply:

Mild Intellectual Disability

Moderate Intellectual Disability

Severe Intellectual Disability

Profound Intellectual Disability

Emotional & Behavioral Disorder

Specific Learning Disability

Orthopedic Impairment

Hearing Impairment

Visual Impairment

Speech-Language Impairment

Autism Pervasive Developmental Delay

Traumatic Brain Injury

Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder

Attention Deficit Disorder

Fragile X Syndrome

Other Health Impairment(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Mother's Name _____ Father's Name _____

Address (if different from above) _____

Mother's Home Phone (____) _____ Mother's Work Phone (____) _____

Father's Home Phone (____) _____ Father's Work Phone (____) _____

Alternate Emergency Contact _____ Relationship to Participant _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____

PARTICIPANT MEDICAL INFORMATION:**Please check or circle the correct response, complete each category and list any other information you feel CCPRCAD should be aware of to provide safe and enjoyable activities for the individual being registered.****MEDICAL CONDITIONS:** Diabetes Shunts Braces/Canes/Walker Hearing Aid Ear Tubes Catheter

Needs Interpreter Glasses Wheelchair (type) _____ Verbal Communication _____

Allergies (specific) _____ Other _____

SEIZURES: Yes ____ No ____ Epilepsy Yes ____ No ____ Are seizures controlled by medication? Yes ____ No ____

Date of last seizure: _____ Type of seizure and treatment desired: _____

MEDICATION: Type, Dosage/Time _____ Type, Dosage/Time _____

Comments _____

For participants needing more assistance than a reminder to take prescribed medication, please check _____. A permission form must be obtained, signed and returned to CCPRCAD in order for staff to assist. Contact CCPRCAD to obtain a form.

DOCTOR'S NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____***PLEASE COMPLETE BACK OF FORM IN ENTIRETY***

PARTICIPANT MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM.....continued

SAFETY: CCPRCAD is committed to conducting programs with the utmost safety and concern for participants. Those registering for programs must recognize, however, that there are potential risks of injury when participating in recreation programs. CCPRCAD continually strives to reduce such risks and provides safety rules and instructions to protect participants.

INSURANCE: Cobb County carries liability insurance only. The cost of medical insurance coverage for injuries would make program fees prohibitive, therefore it is the responsibility of each individual or family to **provide their own medical insurance**. CCPRCAD must have the following information, however, in case of an emergency.

Medical Insurance Co _____ Policy # _____

PARTICIPANT INSURANCE: Participants enrolled in Cobb Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs programs can purchase insurance at a cost of \$6.00 per person. Effective dates are from **January through December**. I wish to purchase insurance. Yes _____ No _____.

CCPRCAD provides an approximate 1:4 staff to participant ratio. Please note if participant requires a closer ratio and why:

Inappropriate Activities: _____

Areas/goals to work toward: _____

Please indicate under what circumstances, if any, participant may be without leader supervision (i.e. to leave for home on own, etc.)

IS A BUS AIDE REQUIRED? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, explain why: _____

SWIM INFORMATION: Beginner _____ Advanced Beginner _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced _____ Diving _____

TOILETING ASSISTANCE: Yes _____ No _____ If yes, explain why: _____

Release of information permission for CCPRCAD to contact school/workshop staff concerning the participant's needs: Yes _____ No _____.

OTHER INFORMATION WE MAY FIND HELPFUL TO KNOW:

Photo permission for CCPRCAD publicity purposes: Yes _____ No _____.

**RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT
PERMISSION TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT**

Realizing the nature of this program, its physical demands and how important it is to follow rules, regulations, and instructions outlined by the staff of the Cobb County Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department, I am, to the best of my knowledge, in good health and able to participate in the program.

I authorize the staff of the Cobb County Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department to organize any required medical or first aid procedure, or to take the undersigned to a hospital emergency room for treatment. If any major treatment is required, I understand that every effort will be made to notify the individual indicated as emergency contact beforehand by telephone.

The undersigned hereby forever releases, discharges, and covenants to hold harmless Cobb County Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department, Cobb County Recreation Board, Cobb Arts Board, Cobb County Board of Commissioners and Cobb County, Georgia, and any other person, firm, corporation charged or chargeable with responsibility or liability, their heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assignees from any and all claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, loss of services, actions and causes of action belonging to the undersigned or arising out of any act or occurrence in connection and particularly on account of all personal injury, disability, property damage, loss or damages of any kind sustained or that may hereafter be sustained arising out of the matters described herein or in consequence of the participation in the recreation program sponsored by the Cobb County Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department. The undersigned hereby bind their heirs, administrators, executors and successors. Further, this agreement shall apply to all unknown and unanticipated injuries and damages directly or indirectly resulting here-from. This Release and Hold Harmless Agreement shall constitute a full and complete release of any and all claims.

DATE: _____ BY: _____ (Signature of **Participant**)

DATE: _____ BY: _____ (**Parent or Guardian**)

NOTE: Signature of participant and parent/guardian are both required if participant is **under age 19**, or is registered for a program for the mentally or physically disabled, or other special population member. In order that the Department assures compliance with ADA (American with Disabilities Act), if you have a specific physical or service accessibility need, please make the staff that work with the program/facilities aware so that we can reasonably accommodate your need.

TRS FALL 2006 REGISTRATION FORM

Please return to:

Cobb County Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs (CCPRCAD), TRS Unit / 555 Nickajack Road / Mableton, GA 30126

Participant Full Name _____ Birthdate _____

Address _____ City _____, GA Zip _____ County _____

Home Phone () _____ Group Home Case Mgr & # _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Relationship _____

Home Phone () _____ Work Phone () _____

Cell Phone () _____ Pager Number () _____

Alternate Emergency Contact _____ Relationship to Participant _____

Home Phone () _____ Cell Phone/Pager () _____

Do you pay city property taxes? ____yes ____no E-mail address _____

Check the programs you want to register for:

Social Club.....(see below).....\$35 _____	Outdoor Movie.....#4289....\$2 _____	Thanksgiving Dinner.....#4840.....\$25 _____
Afternoon Bowling.....#4283.....\$30 _____	Fright Night @ Six Flags.....#4290....\$48 _____	Falcons vs. the Browns..#4850.....\$125 _____
Tennis Class.....#4284.....\$20 _____	Fright Night w/ season pass.#4291...\$15 _____	Insurance (Once Yearly).....\$6 _____
Joyful Noise Choir.....#4286.....\$20 _____	Costume Party.....#4292...\$10 _____	Non-Resident Fee of \$25.....\$25 _____
Taste of Smyrna..... #4287.....\$8 _____		

Total Fee: \$ _____

Member of _____ Social Club

Explorers 21 - #4585

Explorers 31 - #4586

Explorers 41 - #4588

Voyagers - #4589

Red Dreamers - #4590

Yellow Dreamers - #4591

Blue Dreamers - #4592

Green Dreamers - #4593

Drifters - #4594

Travelers - #4595

REGISTRATION POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Registration is August 16, 2006. Walk-ins from 10am-2pm. Mail registration form and payment to:

Therapeutic Recreation Services, 555 Nickajack Road, Mableton, GA 30126 (Make checks or money orders payable to: CCPRCAD)

Payment Policy: Full payment of program fees must be included with the registration form. No partial payments will be accepted. **We now accept MasterCard & Visa.** Please **do not** write your credit card number on the registration form to mail in. Credit card payments must be done in person or over the phone. **Make checks and money orders payable to CCPRCAD** and put driver's license number on your check. **THERE WILL BE A \$25 FEE ON ANY CHECKS RETURNED UNPAID BY YOUR BANK.**

Non-Resident Policy: A mandatory \$25 non-resident fee will be charged to all out-of-county residents participating in this Cobb County program.

Refund Policy: A \$5 administration fee will be charged for all refunds. Refunds (- \$5.00) will be issued only if TRS has not incurred costs due to purchase of tickets, rentals, supplies, refreshments, deposits, etc. Refund requests must be made a minimum of 5 work days before the program. Participants will not receive a refund or credit for any missed special events, social club events or other programs.

Social Clubs and all TRS special events or classes must be PAID IN FULL. No Exceptions.

Refunds will be processed at the end of the quarter.

Inclement Weather: If a program is canceled by the department due to weather, the program will be made up at a later date or refunds issued.

***We must have an updated medical form in our office at all times. They are good for two years unless there have been changes.**

When providing transportation, do you require wheelchair accessibility? ____Yes or ____No

Please specify the drop off/pick up location you will be regularly using. ____CSP or ____RSBC

FOR STAFF USE ONLY

Total Amt. Paid \$ _____ Receipt # _____ Check # _____ MC/Visa Authorization Code # _____

Name on Receipt _____ Date _____ Staff Initials _____

COBB COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT
THERAPEUTIC RECREATION SERVICES UNIT

555 Nickajack Road * Mableton, GA 30126 * 770-819-3215 office / 770-819-3218 fax

Volunteers Needed

Our volunteers are a very valuable part of our program. If you are interested in helping with our programs, please complete this form and return it during registration (Before August 16, 2006).

***Background checks and general orientation must be completed prior to volunteering.**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Please check the events / outings for which you would like to volunteer :

CLASSES & SPECIAL EVENTS

Afternoon Bowling (Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct. 5 & 12) ____ **Tennis** (Oct 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov 1, 8 & 15) ____

Joyful Noise Chorus (Sept 16, 30, Oct 14, 28, Nov 11, 18, & Dec 2 from 11am-1pm) ____

Special Pops Night @ N GA Fair (9/26) ____ **Smyrna Outdoor Movie** (10/7) ____

Fright Night @ Six Flags (10/14) ____ **Costume Dance** (10/27) ____

SOCIAL CLUB OUTINGS

____ - Explorers 21

Cooking 101 (9/12)
Highlander (10/21)
Arts & Crafts (11/6)
Shopping (11/27)

____ - Explorers 31

Cooking 101 (9/28)
Highlander (10/21)
Arts & Crafts (10/24)
Shopping (11/14)

____ - Explorers 41

Cooking 101 (9/12)
Highlander (10/21)
Arts & Crafts (11/6)
Shopping (11/27)

____ - Voyagers

Cooking 101 (9/14)
Aviation Museum (9/23)
Arts & Crafts (10/2)
Shopping (11/30)

____ - Red Dreamers

Cooking 101 (9/25)
Cowboy Fest. (10/28)
Arts & Crafts (11/2)
Shopping (11/13)

____ - Yellow Dreamers

Cooking 101 (10/5)
Arts & Crafts (10/19)
Cowboy Fest. (10/28)
Shopping (11/28)

____ - Blue Dreamers

Aviation Museum (9/23)
Cooking 101 (10/12)
Arts & Crafts (10/23)
Shopping (11/20)

____ - Green Dreamers

Aviation Museum (9/23)
Cooking 101 (10/12)
Arts & Crafts (10/23)
Shopping (11/20)

____ - Drifters

Cooking 101 (9/19)
Arts & Crafts (10/10)
Stone Mt Christmas (11/18)
Shopping (11/30)

____ - Travelers

Cooking 101 (9/21)
Arts & Crafts (10/17)
Stone Mt Christmas (11/18)
Shopping (11/21)

We will call Volunteers a week before the event to confirm. If you cannot attend an event that you've signed up to volunteer for, please notify us as quickly as possible. Please call Kevin Hill @ (770) 819-3256 for more information.

REGISTRATION FOR THE FALL QUARTER IS AUGUST 16th. REGISTRATION FORMS
MUST BE POSTMARKED BY AUGUST 16th IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE.